

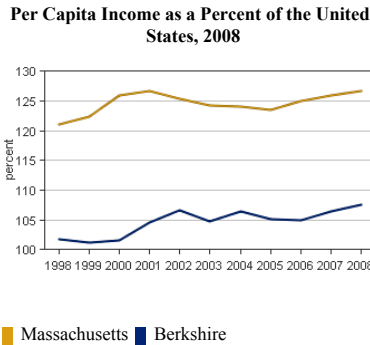
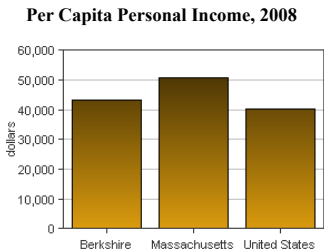


# Berkshire, Massachusetts

Berkshire is one of 14 [counties](#) in Massachusetts. It is part of the [Pittsfield, MA \(MSA\)](#). Its 2008 population of 129,571 ranked 11th in the state.

## PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2008 Berkshire had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$43,237. This PCPI ranked 9th in the state and was 85 percent of the state average, \$50,897, and 108 percent of the national average, \$40,166. The 2008 PCPI reflected an increase of 3.1 percent from 2007. The 2007-2008 state change was 2.5 percent and the national change was 2.0 percent. In 1998 the PCPI of Berkshire was \$27,719 and ranked 10th in the state. The 1998-2008 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 4.5 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.4 percent and for the nation was 4.0 percent.



## TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

|               | 2007-08 percent change | 1998-2008 AAGR |
|---------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Berkshire     | 2.6 %                  | 4.1 %          |
| Massachusetts | 3.2 %                  | 4.9 %          |
| U.S.          | 2.9 %                  | 5.0 %          |

*AAGR: average annual growth rate*

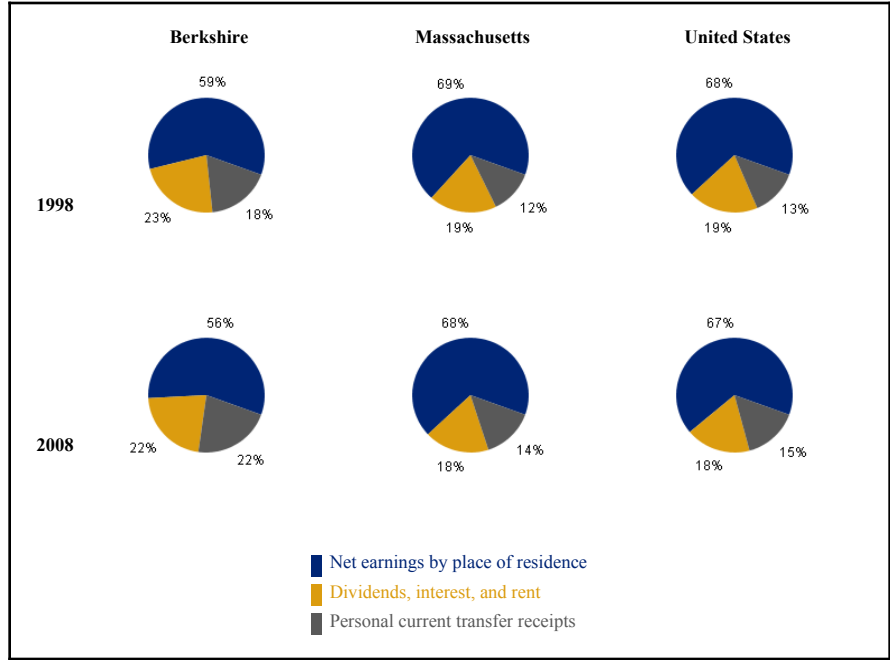
In 2008 Berkshire had a total personal income (TPI) of \$5,602,305\*. This TPI ranked 11th in the state and accounted for 1.7 percent of the state total. In 1998 the TPI of Berkshire was \$3,763,147\* and ranked 11th in the state.

*\*Note: Total personal income estimates are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.*

COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Berkshire.

Percent Contribution to Total Personal Income



| 2007-2008 percent change           |           |               |       |
|------------------------------------|-----------|---------------|-------|
|                                    | Berkshire | Massachusetts | U.S.  |
| Net earnings                       | 0.7 %     | 2.3 %         | 2.0 % |
| Dividends, interest, and rent      | 0.9 %     | 1.5 %         | 1.3 % |
| Personal current transfer receipts | 9.8 %     | 10.0 %        | 9.2 % |

| 1998-2008 average annual growth rate |           |               |       |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|---------------|-------|
|                                      | Berkshire | Massachusetts | U.S.  |
| Net earnings                         | 3.5 %     | 4.7 %         | 4.8 % |
| Dividends, interest, and rent        | 3.6 %     | 4.4 %         | 4.2 % |
| Personal current transfer receipts   | 6.2 %     | 6.5 %         | 6.7 % |